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1. CHARGE SAW FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL RUTTEN  
AT LATTER'S REQUEST MARCH 12 FOR DEBRIEFING ON DIS-  
CUSSION AT DUBLIN MEETING OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF WIND-UP  
OF CSCE. RUTTEN'S ACCOUNT PARALLELED THAT REPORTED IN  
REFTEL WITH ADDITIONAL POINTS OR EMPHASIS AS NOTED  
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BELOW.

2. RUTTEN GAVE FOREIGN MINISTERS CREDIT FOR INTRODUCING ELEMENT OF CAUTION AND REALISM INTO INITIAL REACTION OF PRIME MINISTERS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AND UNCRITICALLY TO THE BREZHNEV LETTER. MUCH WAS MADE OF THE ALLEGEDLY DETERIORATING STATE OF BREZHNEV'S HEALTH. IT WAS GENERALLY EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO RELINQUISH HIS DUTIES BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, HIS SUCCESSOR (OR SUCCESSORS) MIGHT NOT BE SO INTERESTED IN PURSUING DETENTE, THEREFORE IT WAS ADVISABLE TO DO AS MUCH BUSINESS AS POSSIBLE WITH BREZHNEV STILL IN CHARGE.

3. DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESENT DID PRODUCE A CONSENSUS THAT A STAGE III MEETING AT SUMMIT LEVEL BY MID-SUMMER SHOULD ONLY TAKE PLACE IN EXCHANGE FOR TANGIBLE SATISFACTION ON WESTERN OBJECTIVES. THIS WAS REFLECTED IN DELIBERATELY IMPRECISE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE.

4. AFTER THE NINE HAD AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON NATIONAL REPLIES TO BREZHNEV LETTERS, FONMIN VAN DER STOEL SUCCESSFULLY MADE POINT THAT THE NINE NEEDED TO GET PROMPTLY IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON, PARTICULARLY SINCE PRESIDENT FORD HAD REPORTEDLY ALSO RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BREZHENV. RUTTEN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT THE US WOULD CONSULT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY VIA THE EC PRESIDENCY AND NOT JUST THROUGH BILATERL CHANNELS WITH THE EUROPEAN RECIPIENTS OF A BREZHNEV LETTER.

5. ON MECHANICS RUTTEN NOTED THAT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS STAGE III OF CSCE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING APRIL 8-9 AND AGIN ON APRIL 14 IF NECESSARY. EC FONMINS WOULD DISCUSS THE SUBJECT AT THEIR APRIL 15 MEETING. CONSENSUS AT DUBLIN MEETING, ACCORDING TO RUTTEN, WAS TO DROP THE IDEA OF A WESTERN SUMMIT PRIOR TO A CSCE WIND-UP AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL. EC PRIMINS AND FONMINS RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A WESTERN EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CSCE BUT THOUGHT IT BEST TO AVOID DRAMATIZING THE PROCESS. THERE WAS  
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SOME FEELING THAT THE EVALUATION COULD BEGIN AT AN EC FONMINS MEETING ON POLITICAL COOPERATION NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 26 AND BE CONCLUDED DURING THE MAY 29-30 NATO MINISTERIAL. RUTTEN MADE CLEAR THAT THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS ON THE PROCEDURE BUT THAT IT WAS THE JUDGMENT OF THE DUBLIN MEETING TO STAY AWAY FROM A SPECTACULAR WESTERN FOREGATHERING UNLESS SOME ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS AN "EASTERN SUMMIT" MADE IT APPEAR DESIRABLE.

6. RUTTEN SUPPLIED TEXT OF BREZHNEV'S LETTER TO PRIME  
MINISTER WILSON, BEING REPEATED BY SEPTEL IN CASE  
DEPARTMENT DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE IT.  
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